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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- JUNE 1

1. U.S. THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVELS WERE MENTIONED ONLY INDIRECTLY IN TODAY'S CENTRAL SOVIET MEDIA. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS REPORT THAT DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO SPAIN OPPOSITION PARTIES ASKED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL US FORCES. PRAVDA AND RED STAR ALSO CARRY A TASS ITEM ON EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S ARRIVAL IN VIENNA ENROUTE TO HIS JUNE 1-2 MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IN SALZBURG. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK QUOTES NEW YORK TIMES COMMENTARY ON THE KISSINGER-GROMYKO MEETING IN VIENNA STATING THAT PROGRESS MUST BE MADE IN IMPLEMENTING VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT. PRAVDA ALSO MENTIONS AS DO OTHER PAPERS THAT THE US-SOVIET SALT MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN GENEVA ON JUNE 23.

2. NATO. TASS ITEMS IN IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA REPORT THE CONCLUSION OF THE NATO SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS, NOTING WESTERN PRESS COMMENTS ON CONTINUING DIFFERENCES IN THE ALLIANCE. THE ITEMS NOTE THE COMMUNIQUE'S CALL FOR GREATER UNITY AND VIGILANCE, WHICH RUNS COUNTER TO THE RELAXATIONS OF TENSIONS, THEY SAY. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK MADE THE SAME POINTS MORE SHARPLY. THE ARTICLE NOTES THE US EFFORTS TO REASSURE ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES AFTER ITS RECENT SETBACK IN INDOCHINA, THEN ATTACKS SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S CALL FOR THE EUROPEANS TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ALLIANCE. IT NOTES US EFFORTS TO HAVE SPAIN BECOME A FULL MEMBER AND LINKS THIS TO NATO'S IMPLIED THREAT TO PORTUGAL. IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE, PRAVDA COMMENTATOR VISHNEVSKIY ALSO TAKES AFTER SCHLESINGER FOR HIS RECENTLY-RELEASED TESTIMONY ON THE "POSSIBLE" RESPONSES TO A SOVIET THREAT IN EUROPE, INCLUDING HIS DISCUSSION OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. CSCE. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK REPORTS THAT HELSINKI IS GETTING READY FOR THE EXPECTED CSCE SUMMIT AND PORTRAYS ITS CONCLUSION AS DEVOUTLY SOUGHT BY ALL EUROPEANS. PRAVDA NOTES SEVERAL LUKEWARM PRESS COMMENTS FROM THE WEST, BUT PRAISES SENATOR MANSFIELD'S GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SPEECH.

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4. MIDDLE EAST. THE CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS "RIGHTIST" PROVOCATIONS IN LEBANON HINTING STRONGLY THAT ISRAEL IS BEHIND THE PROVOCATIONS. A COMMENTARY BY GLUKHOV IN PRAVDA DENOUNCES AN ALLEGED ISRAELI PLAN TO SETTLE LANDS OCCUPIED SINCE 1967, AND SEES IT AS EVIDENCE THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT WANT AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

5. VIETNAM. THE CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS FRONT-PAGE TELEGRAM

TO BREZHNEV FROM NGUYEN VAN KIN (PHONETIC), CHAIRMAN OF THE VIETNAM-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, IN REPLY TO BREZHNEV'S MESSAGE ON THE SOCIETY'S 25 TH ANNIVERSARY. THE REPLY CONTAINS STANDARD THANKS AND MUTUAL PRAISE. AN IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY BY VIETNAM CORRESPONDENT ILINSKIY DESCRIBES THE FIRST MONTH OF "LIBERATION" IN SAIGON, DESCRIBING ALLEGED POPULAR SUPPORT AND THE IMPROVEMENT IN PUBLIC ORDER.

6. KOREA, PRAVDA REPORTS KIM IL SUNG'S ARRIVAL IN MAURITANIA ON MAY 31.
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